

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office action dated as mailed October 15, 2003.

The Examiner is thanked for the efforts to complete prosecution in connection with the present application. As suggested by the Examiner, this amendment duplicates the amendment filed June 9, 2003, incorporates the correct claim format of the reply dated August 14, 2003 and is a signed copy.

The Office action dated as mailed May 9, 2003 addressed claims 4, 5, and 24-36. Claims 4, 5 and 24-36 were rejected under 35 USC §112 and under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting.

In response, claims 5, 24, 25, 29 and 31 are amended above and claims 4, 5, and 24-36 remain pending in the present application.

The Examiner's Rejection Under 35 USC §112

The Examiner rejects claims 4, 5, 24-36 under 35 USC §112 as being unclear and claims 5, 24, 25 and 29 have been amended in a manner believed to overcome the rejection thereto. Also, claim 31 has been amended to correct a minor informality.

The Examiner's Rejection Under the Judicially Created Doctrine of Double Patenting

Claims 4, 5 and 24-36 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting. In response, a Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) establishing ownership interest and stating a belief that title is in the assignee

taking action along with a copy of the assignment document was previously sent in connection with the June 9th reply.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reexamination, reconsideration and allowance of each of pending claims 4, 5 and 24-36.

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